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**BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

SUE COLLINS, PH.D.

Respondent.

Case No. W-184

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Psychology of the Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in the above entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on August 16, 2000.

It is so ORDERED July 17, 2000.

M. R. Greenberg, Ph.D.  
FOR THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
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**STIPULATION FOR SURRENDER  
OF LICENSE**

14 Psychologist's License No. PSY 14475,

15 Respondent.

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17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the  
18 above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

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20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Complainant Thomas S. O'Connor is the Executive Officer of the Board of  
22 Psychology who brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
23 matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Mark T. Roohk, Deputy  
24 Attorney General.

25 2. Respondent is representing herself in these proceeding and has chosen not  
26 to exercise her right to be represented by counsel at her own expense.

27 3. On or about September 15, 1995, the Board of Psychology issued  
28 Psychologist's License Number PSY14475 to Sue Collins, Ph.D. ("Respondent"). The

1 Psychologist's License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
2 herein and will expire on April 30, 2001, unless renewed.

3 JURISDICTION

4 4. Accusation No. W-184, was filed before the Board of Psychology of the  
5 Department of Consumer Affairs ("Board"), and is currently pending against Respondent. The  
6 Accusation, together with all other statutorily required documents, was duly served on  
7 Respondent on March 29, 2000, and Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting  
8 the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. W-184 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated  
9 herein by reference.

10 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

11 5. Respondent has carefully read and fully understands the nature of the  
12 charges and allegation in the Accusation and effects of this stipulation.

13 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the  
14 right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation, the right to be represented by  
15 counsel, at her own expense, the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her,  
16 the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf and to the issuance of subpoenas to  
17 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, the right to reconsideration  
18 and court review of an adverse decision, and all other rights accorded by to the California  
19 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

20 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently waives and gives up  
21 each and every right set forth above.

22 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in the  
23 Accusation, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her  
24 Psychologist's License.

25 9. Rather than contest the charges and allegations in Accusation No. W-184,  
26 and for purposes of settlement of this matter, respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her  
27 license to practice as a psychologist in the state of California.  
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1                   10.     Respondent understands and agrees that should she ever file an application  
2 for relicensure or reinstatement in the state of California, the Board shall treat such as a petition  
3 for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations, and procedures for  
4 reinstatement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2962, except that respondent  
5 shall be permitted to petition for reinstatement of her license one year after the effective date of  
6 this decision. For purposes of any reinstatement hearing, respondent admits all the charges and  
7 allegations of Accusation No. W-184, and those charges and allegations shall be deemed true and  
8 correct by the Board in considering any application for relicensure or reinstatement. In addition,  
9 the Board in ruling on any application for relicensure or reinstatement may consider the findings  
10 and opinions of Efrain A. Beliz, Jr., Ph.D., as contained and set forth in his report of November  
11 28, 1999, a copy of which has been provided to respondent.

12                   11.     Respondent further understands and agrees that if she ever files an  
13 application for relicensure or reinstatement, and the Board grants such application, she will be  
14 required to reimburse the Board the amount of \$7,000 as the costs of investigation and  
15 prosecution of this matter. Unless otherwise agreed by the Board, such reimbursement shall be  
16 payable in full upon the effective date of the reinstatement decision.

17                   12.     Upon the Board's acceptance of this stipulation for surrender of license,  
18 respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both her license and current renewal  
19 registration.

20                   13.     Respondent fully understands and agrees that as of the effective date of the  
21 stipulation for surrender of her license, she no longer will be permitted to practice as a licensed  
22 psychologist in the state of California.

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24                                   CONTINGENCY

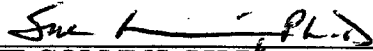
25                   14.     This stipulation shall be subject to the approval of the Board. Respondent  
26 understands and agrees that Board of Psychology's staff and counsel for complainant may  
27 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to  
28 or participation by Respondent. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Order, the

1 stipulation shall be of no force or effect, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the  
2 parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its  
3 consideration of this stipulation.

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5 ACCEPTANCE

6 I have carefully read the above Stipulation, and I fully understand the terms and  
7 conditions and other matters contained therein. I further understand that by signing this  
8 Stipulation, I am agreeing to surrender my Psychologist's License, and that upon by acceptance  
9 of this Stipulation by the Board, I will lose all rights and privilege to practice as a psychologist in  
10 the state of California. I enter into this Stipulation voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently.

11 DATED: 6/10/00.

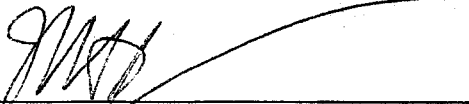
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14 SUE COLLINS, PH.D.  
15 Respondent

16 ENDORSEMENT

17 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully  
18 submitted for consideration by the Board of Psychology of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

19 DATED: 6/14/00.

20 BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General  
21 of the State of California

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**Exhibit A:**

**Accusation, Case No. W-184**

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2948 Graceland Way )  
Glendale, California 91206 )  
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Psychologist's License No. PSY )  
15 14475, )  
16 Respondent. )

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Thomas O'Connor ("Complainant") brings this  
21 accusation solely in his official capacity as the Executive Officer  
22 of the Board of Psychology ("Board").

23 2. On or about September 15, 1995, Psychologist's  
24 License No. PSY 14475 was issued by the Board to Sue Collins  
25 ("respondent"). The license is currently inactive due to lack of  
26 required continuing education credits. The license has been  
27 renewed until April 30, 2001.

## JURISDICTION

3. This accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following sections of the Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code"):

A. Section 2960 of the Business and Professions Code provides in pertinent part that the Board may suspend or revoke the registration or license of any registrant or licensee if the applicant, registrant, or licensee has been guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to:

"(a) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a psychologist or psychological assistant.

"(b) Use of any controlled substance...or dangerous drug, or any alcoholic beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous to himself or herself, any other person, or the public, or to an extent that this use impairs his or her ability to perform the work of a psychologist with safety to the public."

B. Section 125.3 of the Business and Professions Code provides, in part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct any licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act, to pay the Board a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

C. Section 2964.6 of the Business and Professions Code provides that an administrative disciplinary decision



1 that imposes terms of probation may include, among other  
2 things, a requirement that the licensee who is being placed on  
3 probation pay the monetary costs associated with monitoring  
4 the probation.

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6 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 (Conviction of a Crime)

8 4. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under  
9 section 2960, subdivision (a), in that she has been convicted of a  
10 crime which is substantially related to the qualifications,  
11 functions, or duties of a psychologist. The circumstances are as  
12 follows:

13 A. On or about January 10, 1998, police were  
14 called to respondent's residence, where they were met by  
15 respondent's live-in girlfriend ("A"). "A" informed police  
16 that she and respondent had gone out to dinner and while at  
17 the restaurant respondent had gotten drunk; when they returned  
18 home respondent went into a tirade and began shouting and  
19 cursing at A. Respondent told A to get out of the house and  
20 when A did not go, respondent began choking, pushing, and  
21 kicking her, eventually getting her out of the house. Once A  
22 was out of the house, respondent began throwing all of A's  
23 belongings out on the porch and in the yard. Respondent  
24 locked A out, and A went to a payphone to call the police.

25 B. The police then accompanied A back into the  
26 house to speak with respondent. Respondent yelled and swore  
27 at the police throughout their encounter, again physically

1 attacked A, and continued throwing A's belongings outside.  
2 Police noted respondent to be unreceptive and "very drunk."  
3 After over thirty minutes, and after several failed attempts  
4 at reasoning with respondent and reconciling the parties, the  
5 police arrested respondent.

6 C. On or about June 23, 1998, respondent was  
7 convicted by plea of guilty to one count of a violation of  
8 Penal Code sections 242 and 243(e)(1) (battery upon a person  
9 with whom defendant had a relationship), in case number  
10 8SM00462 of the Municipal Court of the Santa Monica Judicial  
11 District, entitled "The People of the State of California v.  
12 Sue Collins."

13 D. As part of respondent's sentence, she was  
14 ordered to attend two (2) Alcoholics Anonymous meeting a week  
15 for twenty-six (26) weeks, as well as a one year domestic  
16 violence program.

17 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**


18 (Use of alcohol to a dangerous extent)

19 5. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under  
20 section 2960, subdivision (b), in that she has used alcohol to an  
21 extent or in a manner dangerous to himself or herself, any other  
22 person, or the public, or to an extent that this use impairs his or  
23 her ability to perform the work of a psychologist with safety to  
24 the public. The circumstances are as follows:

25 A. Paragraph 4, subparagraphs (A) - (D), are hereby  
26 incorporated by reference as if set full in full at this  
27 point.

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1. Revoking or suspending Psychologist's License Number PSY 14475, heretofore issued to respondent Sue Collins;
2. Ordering respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case and, if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;
3. Taking such other and further action as the Board deems necessary and proper.

  
Thomas O'Connor  
Executive Officer  
Board of Psychology  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant